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January 4, 1926.

Museum of the American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 155th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

A year or so ago your Mr. Reilly, Jr., called on us, and we are writing to you at this time to see if you can help us secure a certain medal.

We have been trying for several months to get a medal to replace one lost by one of our customers and have had very little success so far. One of these medals is in your collection, and with your connections, we are quite sure another one can be secured in a short time.

The medal in question is one of French make and was purchased in France shortly after the World War. It was of bronze and about the size of a half dollar. It had a plain, small size ring soldered at the top to which a chain could be fastened. The front of the medal had a profile view of Joan of Arc, and the back had, as far as can be determined, a representation of Joan of Arc taking the vow. This medal belonged to one of our customers, and we are obliged to secure one of these medals if possible. We should like very much to have your cooperation and advise if it is possible to secure one of these medals in this country, and if not, whether one can be secured from abroad and from whom. We are really obligated through several transactions with this party to replace the medal lost, and what is more, we are very anxious to replace it at the earliest possible time.

We have been writing everywhere on this matter and have even written the American Legion Post in Paris who stated they would be able to get this medal for us and send it on. This is some months ago, and as yet, we have not received the medal nor have we received encouraging information.

We realize that your collection must no doubt remain

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intact, but possibly you could do a special favor by allowing us to take one of your medals for which we will remit to you, and you can replace it as soon as convenient. If this would be impossible, then we would like to have information as to how one of these medals could be secured in the shortest possible time. We would greatly appreciate your helping us in this matter as it is very hard for us to do anything not knowing exactly where it was made.

The medal of course has no particular value only that it was given to the lady who we have referred to as one of our customers by her brother who served in the World War, and this medal has been lost and must be replaced without the knowledge of the person originally giving it. Is there any way you can help us out?

Please let us hear from you just as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

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January 7th, 1926

Messrs. Bunde & Upmeyer Co.
Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of January 4th concerning the Joan of Arc medal, it is against our regulations to send out specimens of coins or medals belonging to the Society.

We are not in touch with the French manufacturers or the Mint, but presume that the medal which you desire was made at the French Mint; and I would advise your writing there, and ordering one of these pieces. Address the letter to La Mannaie, Paris, France. I am enclosing three rubbings of the piece which I presume you mean,, and it might assist you to send these with your letter to the Mint requesting the specimen.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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January 9, 1926.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,

New York,

N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of January 7 and are very grateful to you for your prompt reply and also sending on the rubbings of the medal in question. We are immediately writing to Paris per your suggestion and hope that we will be fortunate enough in getting through one of these medals without delay. The rubbing sent is from the medal we had in mind, and we are very happy to have your letter.

Thanking you most kindly for your cooperation in this matter, we are

Yours very truly,

CE/AJ

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